

## Executive Director's Report

### June 16, 2004

#### Announcements

- Fund Balance at the end of May was \$16,456,575.
- Autumn Southard and Colleen McGee did an excellent job successfully managing the candidate statement pamphlet project. With most of the statements filed on the last day, Colleen and Autumn handled the large number of phone calls, proofread the statements, and gathered the candidate photos in an organized and professional manner. Christina and Paula also made significant contributions to the project by calling candidates to remind them to file their statement and answering many of the telephone inquiries.

#### Candidate Information Update

- There are now 201 candidates who will appear on the primary election ballot and 105 of those candidates are certified participating candidates.
- The last day to file a challenge against a candidate's nomination petitions is Wednesday, June 23, 2004, although challenges will be filed earlier than the deadline and could be heard by a superior court judge prior to June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- One corporation commission candidate and 10 legislative candidates have received their primary election funding.

#### Voter Education

- Debates: The first debate will be held July 9, 2004 and the last debate will be held August 10, 2004 for the primary. The debates will be held in contested primary election races where there is a participating candidate in the race. As a result, there will be no primary election debate in 9 legislative districts and for the 3 corporation commission seats with the term ending January 1, 2009. The final list of primary election debates has been sent to the sponsors and the schedule is now posted on the website.
- Candidate Statement Pamphlet: By the June 9<sup>th</sup> deadline, we received 172 candidate statements. Those statements are being translated into Spanish, and formatted along with the photographs by the graphic designer. The camera ready pamphlet must be sent to the printer by June 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to the printing deadline, only candidates who are certified as participating candidate by that time will be listed as participating candidate even though the deadline to apply for certification is not until August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Off Madison Avenue will be at the next meeting to present the draft Education Plan.
- Cover Design: For the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we have invited the winners of the cover design contest to accept a framed copy of the cover design, a certificate from the Governor's Office, and recognition from Kids Voting Arizona. Rachael Holzmann (General Election Cover Design winner- from Mountain High School in Prescott Valley) will be at the Commission meeting and with the following people:
  - Jim Holzmann (Dad)
  - James Holzmann Jr. (brother)
  - Deborah Mead (Mom)
  - Pam Brass (Grandmother)
  - Patty Woodside (Aunt)

Emily Holzmänn (Sister—Possibly attending)

- David Holt (Primary Election Cover Design winner from Arcadia High School in Phoenix) will not be able to attend because he is accepting an award for winning a different art contest, but he may send someone to accept the CCEC award on his behalf.

#### Legal Matters

- In *Association of American Physicians and Surgeons v. Brewer* (challenge to matching funds provision in the Clean Elections Act), the court has not ruled or scheduled a hearing on the motions to dismiss or the motion for a preliminary injunction.
- The rule changes were precleared by the Department of Justice. A letter has been sent to all current statewide officeholders to apprise them of the rule change to the Officeholder Expense Rule; the reduction in the individual donation limits from \$110 to \$55.